File Code: 3410

Date: July 15, 2002

Ms. Martha Walker Park Ranger Thomas Stone National Historic Site 655 Rose Hill Road Port Tobacco, MD 26677

Dear Ms. Walker:

On June 12, 2002, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Thomas Stone National Historic Site. Although no defoliation was detected on site, approximately 8 acres of moderate defoliation (31-60%) and 7 acres of heavy defoliation (61-100%) were detected on adjacent lands. Approximately 20 acres of forestland at Thomas Stone National Historic site were damaged by the tornado that struck southern Maryland on May 5, 2002. The tornado damage at Thomas Stone NHS and the defoliation on adjacent lands is depicted in Figure 1.

If you anticipate requesting financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2003, please contact Brad Onken or me by letter or telephone (304) 285-1541 before August 22, 2002.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN

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Forest Health Protection

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Enclosure

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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial survey conducted on June 12, 2002 at Thomas Stone National Historic Site

